

Council on Aging Minutes-December 19, 2019

Present: Michael Quinn, Mary Hung, Paul Raia , Rick Fentin, Ann Brown, Joe Curro, Nancy Cox, Pat Baillieul

Associates: Mara Klein Collins, Karen Nichols

Absent: Bob Tosi, Marge Vanderhill, Claire Foley, ASA Liaison

- A. Call to order: Regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board was called to order by Michael Quinn at 6:10pm on December 19, 2019 at 27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA
- B. Citizen's open forum: no one citizens present
- C. Minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting were approved.
- D. Executive Director Report, Susan Carp reporting:
 - a. Addition to the ED report:
 - i. The Tax Work Off Program has 1 applicant; the date may be extended to help generate more applications.
 - ii. Issues for the Board to think about for the future: ensuring that the new Center is a welcoming place for all, housing insecurity in the town is increasing, a full time nurse is important, working with Minuteman Senior Services, continued support for transportation to meet the ample need.
- E. Report of the Chair: no report
- F. Report from Minuteman Senior Services: no report (Marge absent)
- G. Report from the Arlington Senior Associate: no report (Claire absent)
- H. Old Business:
 - a. Age Friendly Update - the data entry for the hardcopies of the Age Friendly Surveys is going more slowly than anticipated. The Coalition will likely be called together in February. With more volunteers, this task could be completed more quickly.
 - b. Capital Fundraising Campaign – we're at \$110,000 now; the fundraising is going well.
 - c. Building Renovation Status - The construction of the building – programs and people are moving out on February 18^h. The construction of the 2nd floor will happen first so that people can move up there while the 1st and ground floors are renovated.
 - d. Program Locations during construction – programs are in a variety of places and everything is set thus far
- I. New Business: Paul Raia shared with the COA board a letter written from the Arlington Commission on Disability. The letter to the building committee lays out a number of concerns about the current design of the new high school building and makes several recommendations with regard to design to make the building more accessible and inclusive. There was a discussion about how the COA board can be supportive of these requests. Rick and Paul will draft a letter for the board to review at the next meeting.
- J. Motion to adjoin made by Mary Hung and seconded by Ann Brown.